

THE ENDLESS KINGDOM,

Or Daniel's Fifth Universal Monarchy, which is to be "set up" (Dan. ii. 44) A. D. 1813.

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INTRODUCTION.

It is a matter of great astonishment to me, that every man does not see most plainly, from even a casual reading of the Bible, that God has never been able,—either by mercies the most miraculous, or judgments the most severe,—to make anything great and good out of poor, frail man. This awfully solemn, though humbling truth, is apparent from the "in the beginning" of Genesis, to the "Amen" of Revelations; for, indeed, it seems to me, that that man's sanity should be doubted, who, with a common knowledge of the Scriptures, does not see and believe this truth. May it not be confidently assumed, then, without the least fear of contradiction, that God never can, while man is man, ever make a church, kingdom, or world, out of such materials, anything like what he would have them to be?

A GLANCE OVER THE PAST.

And now, in looking over the horrid picture, we must, of necessity, be very brief. First, then, look at man in Eden, with every inducement to obey. Did he stand the test? No, but fell a victim to his own curiosity; and in about 1600 years true piety became extinct in the earth, with the exception of Noah and family: and now read the awful mandate of Jehovah—"I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth." Next we see him, in about 120 years after the flood, saying, "let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven." But, says the Lord, "let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech;" and so they were scattered from this beautiful plain, over the face of all the earth. Next, in about 320 years after this, in the call of Abram, we see God making another effort to save the world from entire moral putrefaction. In 20 years after this, "the sun had risen upon the earth, and the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire, and overthrew those cities;" another awful proof of the truth of our introduction. Next, in 430 years, we find the descendants of Abraham a nation of slaves to the idolatrous kingdom of Egypt; but God had now come down to deliver them, "and in the self-same day, the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies." Next, in their 40 years' journey through the wilderness, notwithstanding the constant miracles of mercies, and wonderful deliverances, God was obliged to destroy their 600,000 fighting men, except Caleb and Joshua, besides women and children; even Moses, the meekest of men, could not be permitted to enter the promised land. At one time, in their journey through the wilderness, their iniquities came up so thick before God, that he threatened to destroy the whole nation, and make of Moses another; but he interceded for them, and they were spared. Now we find them safely located in the land of promise; but do we find them a believing, obedient people? So far from that, their kind Deliverer from Egyptian bondage is compelled to let the surrounding nations in upon them, goading and annoying them on every side, until in about 700 years, "Israel (i. e. the ten tribes) was carried out of their own land to Assyria unto this day;" and then, in about 120 years more, Judah was carried to Babylon, and the city and temple were both destroyed, and the Zion of God was made desolate; and after groaning in bondage for 70 years, God again set them up in their own land, built up their temple, city, and polity. Next, in about 450 years, the Babe of Bethlehem makes his appearance; and, says the great Owner of the vineyard, "they will reverence my Son." But what say the husbandmen? "Come, this is the heir, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." The first part of this threat, they most effectually carried into execution; but they were foiled in the last; for, instead of that, they were left of God to their enemies. Everything peculiar in them was abandoned of God forever; the descendants of Abraham scattered to the four winds. "Lo we turn to the Gentiles," rang through the apostolic ranks; and God takes hold in earnest to raise up a pure church from the Gentile world, of such, and such only, as would worship him in spirit and in truth. The apostles went forth with their lives in their hands, the Holy Ghost working with them; and in about 20 years Paul could say "the hope of the Gospel, which was preached to every creature which is under heaven." Their success was great. But when popularity succeeded to persecution, and Constantine professed to be converted, true piety was nearly gone; and as soon as A. D. 535, Papacy commenced its bloody and hellish reign: and

until the days of Wickliffe, Luther, Calvin and Melanchthon, it had almost undisturbed possession of this world. But when these morning stars of the Reformation arose, the midnight of the dark ages was broken in upon, and the 1260 years of papal supremacy over the nations expired in 1798, and Daniel's "time of the end" of 45 years commenced; the church, having come out of her wilderness state, goes to work in earnest to finish up her work of "publishing the Gospel among all nations." The flight of the angel was now manifest in all directions; success crowned the efforts of the church, and "many were purified, and made white, and tried;" the "wicked are doing wickedly," and "the wise beginning to understand."

REMAINING TIME.

In our glance over the past, what have we seen, but one continued scene of mercies and judgments, on the part of God; and, on the part of man, the combination of the ferocity of the tiger, the folly of the idiot, and the obstinacy of the mule; penny-wise and pound-foolish; very careful about nothing, but very careless about everything. But will this awful state of things continue? Yes, unequivocally we answer, yes; while the blood of Adam runs in the veins of living men, and man is born of woman. That this state of things will continue until the second coming of Christ, is as certain as it is that the Bible is an inspired book. A few texts will now be quoted. "Let both (wheat and tares) grow together until the harvest; the harvest is the end of the world."—Matt. xiii. "I beheld, and the same horn (papacy) made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; until the Ancient of days came: and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High: and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."—Dan. vii. "And then shall that wicked (papacy) be revealed, whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."—2 Thess. ii. "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God."—Luke xviii. "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life; and few there be that find it."—Matt. vii. "In the world ye shall have tribulation."—John xvi. "These are they which came out of great tribulation."—Rev. vii. "And that ~~we~~ must through much tribulation enter the kingdom of God."—Acts xiv. "Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called."—1 Cor. i. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution."—2 Tim. iii. Now if these quotations from holy writ do not settle it at once, and forever, that the wicked will continue till the end; popery exist till Christ comes; few ever walking the narrow way at the same time; all that get into heaven must be through much tribulation; but few wise or mighty chosen; and then persecution the lot of all that live godly; then, I know of no words in our language that could express it. Where, then, is there a space for a thousand years' glorious rest for the church on this side of the judgment, that she has been dreaming of for 120 years back? Nowhere to be found; but common sense, observation, and Scripture, all combine to show, that it is not to be expected, until man comes up from the grave in the new creation.

JUDGMENT BEGINS.

The way is now prepared to see what the Bible teaches us will take place at the ushering in of the glorified KINGDOM. The transcendently glorious day, so cheering to the true saint, opens with the binding, shutting up, and sealing of Satan in the bottomless pit, with the souls of every man and woman who die without a pardon from the great God. Simultaneously with this, the souls of all who have fell asleep in Christ will be seen surrounding him in his return to earth; their bodies, in the meantime, having heard his call, have emerged from their dusty beds; when all who "wait, and come to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days," will be "changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," and "caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." Meanwhile, the scenes that are taking place over the entire surface of the earth, are best described by the inspired writers themselves. Isaiah, in the thirty-third and thirty-fourth chapters, says, "The people shall be as the burnings of lime; as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire: for it is the day of the Lord's vengeance." Also, "The streams of the earth shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch." Jeremiah, in the twenty-fifth chapter

says, "The Lord shall give a shout, against all the inhabitants of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh: he will give them that are wicked to the sword, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth, even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; but shall be dung upon the ground; for the Lord hath forsaken his covert, as the lion." Nahum, in the first chapter, says, "The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein." Malachi, in the fourth chapter, says, "All the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. Ye shall tread down the wicked: for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." In the eleventh Psalm it says, "Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible pest." In Deuteronomy, thirty-second chapter, it says, "A fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains." The fire having spent its fury; Satan shut up; every saint raised, or changed, and caught up; every wicked man and woman burnt to ashes, and their souls gone off, in awful crowds, to join their old master in hell; and now, in the emphatic language of Daniel, "THE SANCTUARY IS CLEANSED." The new heavens and the new earth of Isaiah, Peter, and John, "wherein dwelleth righteousness," now appear, in all the glory of the first Eden. Immediately after John saw the new heaven and new earth, he saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, descend from God out of heaven upon it; and then it was immediately said, "the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain, for he had made all things new." And then follows these momentous words, "It is done." The way is now prepared to see what the Bible teaches us about this

GLORIOUS STATE.

God's KINGDOM is now come, and his will is done on EARTH, as it was in heaven.

The stone that smote the image, and broke it to pieces, has now become a great mountain, or KINGDOM, and filled the whole EARTH.

The God of heaven has now set up his KINGDOM, which shall never be destroyed. This KINGDOM shall not be left to other people; it has broken in pieces and consumed all others, and it will stand forever.

The sun will no more go down, neither will thy moon withdraw itself, for the Lord is now thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning are ended.

Now is given to the Son of man his dominion and glory, and a KINGDOM, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him.

Now we see how that flesh and blood do not inherit the KINGDOM of God.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away, and his KINGDOM that which will not be destroyed.

They people are now all righteous; they will inherit the LAND forever; a little one has now become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation; God has hastened it in his own good time.

For shame, they now have double; for confusion, they now rejoice in their portion; therefore in this LAND they possess the double; everlasting joy shall be unto them.

The Redeemer yet lives, and now stands upon the earth: and now Job, in his flesh [i. e. spiritual body] sees God for himself.

God has now raised unto David a righteous Branch and a King; who should reign and prosper, and execute judgment and justice in the EARTH: in whose days Judah is saved and Israel dwells safely, and whose name is THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The new covenant having been made with the house of Israel and Judah, and the "after days" having come, God has now put his law in their inward parts, and wrote it in their hearts, and is now their God, and they his people, and now they have no occasion to say to their neighbor, "Know the Lord," for all now know him, from the least to the greatest.

The KINGDOM, and dominion, and greatness of the KINGDOM, under the whole heaven, is now given to the saints of the Most High.

Fear not, little flock, for your Father's good pleasure has come, to give you the KINGDOM.

Thus, they that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the EARTH.

Now the righteous inherit the LAND, and shall dwell therein forever.

Now, all that are blessed of the Father, come, and inherit the KINGDOM prepared for them from the foundation of the WORLD.

Oh Israel, God has now opened your graves, and brought you up out of your graves, and put his Spirit in you, and ye live; and has placed you in your own LAND.

The whole house of Israel are now one nation, in the LAND, upon the mountains of Israel; are now saved out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and are cleansed: so they are his people, and he their God.

Now, they speak of the glory of his KINGDOM and talk of his power.

He will now make known to the sons of men the glorious majesty of his KINGDOM.

His tabernacle also is with them, and they are his people; yea, and he will be their God; now that his sanctuary is in the midst of them for evermore.

Now, the righteous shine forth as the sun in the KINGDOM of their Father.

The wise now shine as the brightness of the firmament; and those that have turned many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever.

I have now planted them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land, which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

The Lord God has now given Messiah the throne of his Father David, who must reign over the house of Jacob forever; for of his KINGDOM there will be no end.

For the sceptre of his KINGDOM is a right sceptre.

The day has now come that the light is not clear nor dark; but known to the Lord as one day: not day, nor night; but at evening time it is light.

Living waters now flow out from Jerusalem; for the Lord is now King over all the EARTH: there is now one Lord, and his name one.

The least one in this KINGDOM is greater than was John the Baptist, while in the flesh.

Now the righteous are recompensed in the earth.

Jesus Christ, having broken the heathen with a rod of iron, and dashed them in pieces like a potter's vessel, has now received the uttermost parts of the EARTH for his possession.

This nobleman, who has been into a far country, to receive for himself a KINGDOM, has now returned, having received his KINGDOM.

Jesus Christ will now fulfil his promise of drinking the fruit of the vine, new, with his people, in his Father's KINGDOM.

The day has come that there is no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

Daniel has gone his way, and rested, and now stands in his lot.

Jesus Christ went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of this KINGDOM of God.

Blessed are all those who shall eat bread in this KINGDOM.

They are now mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in this day that I have made up my jewels; I will now spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

The Sun of righteousness has now risen, with healing in his wings; upon those that fear his name, and they have grown up and gone forth, as calves of the stall.

The saints of the Most High have now taken the KINGDOM, and possess the Kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

Jesus Christ made an appointment with his disciples to eat and drink with him at his table in this KINGDOM, as his Father had appointed unto him.

The promise to Abraham, that he should be the heir to the WORLD, is now fulfilled, by his taking possession of the true CANAAN, with all his seed for an everlasting inheritance.

The seed of David, which should proceed out of his bowels, is now set up, house and throne; and his KINGDOM established forever.

The glad tidings of this KINGDOM was to be preached among all nations, for a witness, before it should come.

God having sent Jesus Christ, the times of restitution of all things, which he had spoken of by the mouth of all his holy prophets, since the world began, must have now come.

The things that were made, that could be shaken, are now removed, and those things that could not be shaken now remain, and the KINGDOM is received, which could not be moved.

There were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the KINGDOM of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign forever.

The time has come that God has rewarded his prophets, his saints, and all that fear his name, small and great; and has destroyed them which destroy the earth.

The saints now reign upon the EARTH, as John heard them say they should.

When the saints shall see the signs of Christ's coming to judgment, then they shall know this KINGDOM of God is nigh at hand.

The redeemed of the Lord have now returned, and come to Zion, with songs and everlasting joy; and have obtained gladness. Sorrow and mourning have fled away.

None shall hurt nor destroy in all this holy mountain; for the EARTH is now full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

The upright now dwell in the LAND, and the perfect remain in it.

Thus the righteous are never to be removed; and the wicked are not to inhabit the EARTH.

The Lord is now King forever and ever; and now the heathen are perished out of his LAND.

Now the Lord hath brought back the captivity of his people: Jacob is now rejoicing, and Israel is now glad.

All the ends of the WORLD now remember, and have turned unto the Lord: all the kindreds of the nations now worship before him.

The Lord has now saved his people, lifted them up, fed them, and blessed his inheritance forever.

War hath now ceased unto the end of the EARTH: the bow is broken, the spear is cut asunder, the chariot is burned in the fire.

God has appeared in his glory, and built up Zion; he has arisen and had mercy upon her; for the time to favor her, yea, the set time has come.

By the spirit of judgment and of burning, the Lord has now washed away the filth of the daughter of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem.

The day has come that the branch of the Lord has become beautiful and glorious; and the fruit of the EARTH has become excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

David's greater Son is now on his throne, and his KINGDOM, to order it, and establish it, with judgment and justice, from henceforth even forever: of the increase and peace of which there will be no end.

The moon is now confounded, the sun ashamed, now that the Lord of hosts reigns in mount Zion and Jerusalem gloriously.

The Lord of hosts has now made unto all people in this mountain a feast of fat things, of wines on the lees, and of fat things full of marrow.

The face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil spread over all nations, is now, in this mountain, destroyed, by death being swallowed up of victory.

The Lord God has now taken away the rebuke, and wiped away the tears from the faces of his people, from off all the EARTH.

The day has now come when it is said, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him: this is the Lord; we will be glad, and rejoice in his salvation.

Thy dead men, that dwelt in dust, have now awoken and arose, and now live and sing: for the earth hath cast out her dead.

The inhabitants of this LAND shall never say, I am sick: the people that dwell herein are forgiven of their iniquities.

Jerusalem's warfare is now accomplished, her iniquity is pardoned, and she hath now received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

God is now with his people, he has brought them from the east, and gathered them from the west; he has said to the north, give up, and to the south, keep not back; he has brought his sons from far, and his daughters from the ends of the earth.

The Lord has now comforted all the waste places of Zion; he hath made her wilderness like EGYPT, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy, gladness, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody, are now found therein.

Jesus Christ, having seen the travail of his soul, is now satisfied.

Zion has arisen and shone; for her light has now come; for the Lord has risen upon her, and his glory is now seen upon her.

Whereas, Zion having been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through her, is now made an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations.

The fir-tree has now come up instead of the thorn, the myrtle-tree instead of the briar; which is now to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign, which shall not be cut off.

The sun no more gives light by day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord is unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

Zion has awoken and put on her strength; the holy city, Jerusalem, has put on her beautiful garment; for henceforth there will no more come unto her the uncircumcised and the unclean.

And the nations of them which are saved walk in the light of it, and the kings and nations of the earth have brought their glory and honor into it.

Violence will no more be heard in this LAND, wasting nor destruction within these borders; but these walls are now salvation, and these gates praise.

The gates of it are not shut at all by day, and there is no night here; no candle nor sun is needed, for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever.

GLORY, GLORY! What a constellation of glory, beauty, brightness, blessedness, immortality, have we seen in the above scripture passages! Only think of the place: the WORLD; the EARTH; NEW JERUSALEM; CANAAN; EDEN; ZION; BEULAH; under the whole heavens; mountains of Israel; your own LAND; &c., &c. Then of the King: GOD; Lord; Almighty; Lord of hosts; JESUS CHRIST; Father of Spirits; heavenly Father; &c., &c. Then think of the company; the Whole house of Israel; the Bride; the church of the first-born; saints; the Lamb's wife; Zion of God; his people; saints of the Most High; Hephzibah; God's jewels; the beloved; the perfect; the upright; the righteous. Then think of walking in white, on pure gold; shining like the sun; go no more out; pulled no more up; no sickness, nor pain, nor sorrow; no tears, no death, no sighing; no setting sun; no waning moon; no tempting devil; no wicked ones; no wicked heart; no righteous self; walls of salvation; gates of praise; no night; no cold; no heat; no winds nor storms; the days of mourning ended; peace; tree of life; river of life; eating and drinking at Christ's table; her warfare accomplished; has awoke and put on strength; put on her beautiful garments; lift up their voice and sing; no briars nor thorns; nothing to hurt nor destroy; feast of fat things; wine well refined.

Think, too, of the duration: eternal; everlasting; forever and ever; never go out; never removed. This is our millennium. We ask for no other; we wish for no better; we expect no other; the Bible speaks of no other; our faith can see no other; and there is no other. Who are the inhabitants? First, all the young who die before they are accountable. In this item we get half of all that are born. Second, all idiots, if they have souls. Third, all who become insane before they become accountable. Fourth, all who are truly converted and hold out till death. The last three items are just so many more than half of all that ever live. With this view of it, which a child ten years old can understand, we see what a vast majority there will be saved over what are lost. The lost are said to be in number as the sand of the sea; but the saved, an innumerable company—a great multitude, which no man could number.

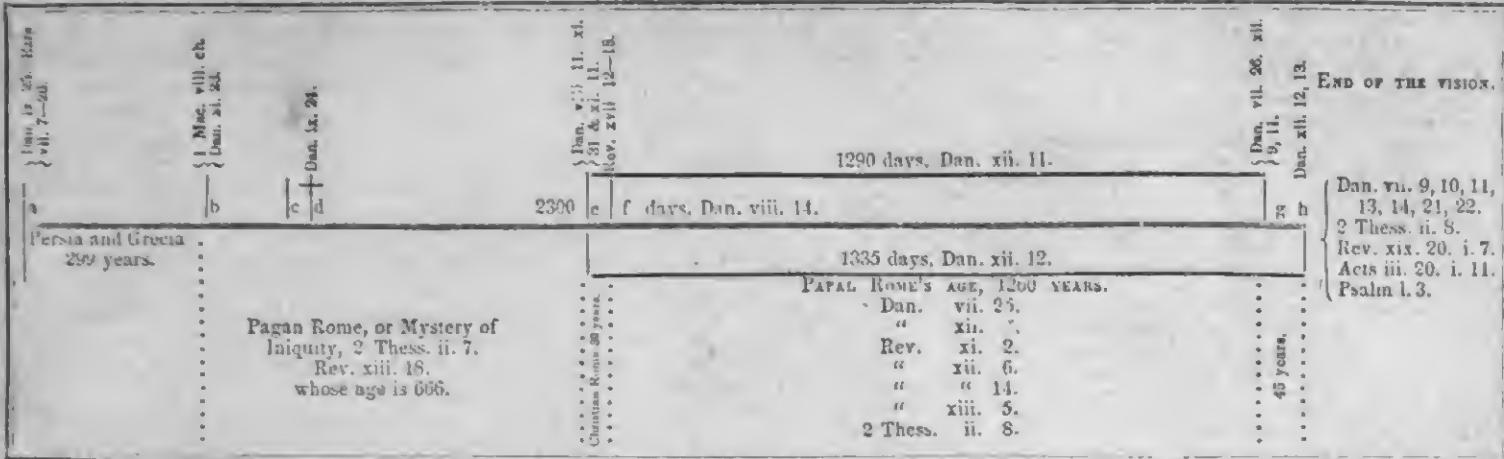
LAST CHANGE.

This state of things, both with the righteous and the wicked, continues until near the close of the time called in the twentieth chapter of Revelation a thousand years, be it longer or shorter; when the righteous are all called in from roaming over the vernal fields of the new earth, to the "beloved city," which is fifteen hundred miles in breadth, length and height; when, probably, for the first time, its gates of pearl swing too upon their massive hinges; when the Devil and all wicked spirits are let loose from the bottomless pit. The ashes and dust of "the rest of the dead" are raised, and their souls and bodies are reunited; and now, with Satan at their head, they come up on the breadth of the earth to battle, in number as the sands of the sea, and surround the "beloved city." But the Devil again deceives them; the same as he had done through their mortal life; and God drives the whole company into the lake of fire and brimstone, where they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. And here, now, the written revelation of God closes up, and leaves Satan and all the wicked in the lake of fire and brimstone; God and all the saints in the New Jerusalem, upon the new earth.

CONCLUSION.

Reader, to which of these classes do you belong? and to which of these eternal destinies are you hastening? Oh! I entreat you to pause and think, before you take another step. Are you gratifying appetite, pride, vanity, temper, or lust? are you envious, covetous, avaricious, or ambitious? If you are, then you are in a fair way to be very soon "ashes, under the soles of the feet of the saints," and your soul shut up in the bottomless pit. Oh, delay not a moment, but give up your soul into the hands of Christ! Repent of, and forsake all your sins; believe in him; love him; obey him; delight in him and his people; pray without ceasing, in the closet, and in the family; deny self; seek the company of saints; shun the company of the scornful; and very soon you will join in the grand shout of victory, with all the redeemed. "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us; this is the LORD." Amen and Amen.

DIAGRAM OF DANIEL'S VISIONS.



EXPLANATION OF THE ABOVE DIAGRAM.

a **b** is the length of the vision, 2300 days. Dan. viii. 14.

a **b** is from the commencement of the vision to the league between the Jews and Romans, a period of 299 years, during which time the Persian and Grecian kingdoms exercised their power over the Jews successively. The Jews enter into this league with the Romans that they may be saved from the power of the Greeks, 158 years B. C. 1 Mac. viii. Dan. xi. 23. Here commences the history of the fourth or Roman kingdom, Dan. vii. 7. 5, as a persecuting power under its different forms; 1st. Pagan Rome, 666 years. 2d. Christian Rome, or the ten kings, who have their power one hour with the beast. Rev. xvii. 12, which we shall prove is 30 years. 3d. Papal Rome, or the union of the civil and ecclesiastical powers of Rome, to the time of the end, or taking away of the civil power, 1260 years. Dan. vii. 25, viii. 7; Rev. xi. 2, xiii. 5. 4th. From the taking away the civil power to the final destruction of Daniel's fourth kingdom, with the brightness of the coming of Christ, 2 Thess. ii. 8, a period of 45 years.

b **c** is from the league to the birth of Christ, 158 years.

c **d** is the life of Christ, 33 years.

d is the death of Christ, which seals or establishes the vision at which seventy weeks of years of the vision are accomplished. Dan. ix. 21.

The question may be asked, how are we to know the seventy weeks, equal to 490 days, were fulfilled in years, each day a representative for a year?

Ans. The seventy weeks are divided into three parts. Dan. ix. 25-27. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks, and he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week, 27. 1st. The 7 weeks of yrs. = 49 yrs. was literally accomplished under Ezra and Nehemiah, who were governors over Jerusalem 49 years, in which time the walls were rebuilt.

2d. The 62 weeks of yrs. = 431 yrs., brings us down to 26 years after Christ's birth, and to the 16th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Luke iii. 1, and to the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Mark i. 1.

3d. 1 week of yrs. = 7 yrs. The ministry of Christ commencing at his baptism. See Luke 3: 21, 22, 23.

70 490 years.

Here then we have 70 weeks of the vision, or 490 days, fulfilled in years, which brings us down from its commencement to the death of Christ, which establishes the vision, and gives the length of a prophetic day.

"As further proof," says a late writer, "let any one examine the chronology, as given by Rollin or Josephus, from the 7th year of Artaxerxes to the 22d year of Tiberius Caesar, which was the year our Lord was crucified, and he will find it was 490 years."

It is the opinion of some, that Christ was born four

years before the commencement of our Christian era. But admitting this a fact, it does not alter the seal of the vision; it only makes Christ four years older at his death, which some of the learned suppose was the fact.

Let it be distinctly understood, that "the vision" which foretels the death of Christ, foretells his second coming, and his death, not his birth, seals "the vision;" hence we reckon back from **d** to **a** 490 years, and from **d** to **h** forward to his second coming, which includes the whole vision, 2300 years.

Now from Dan. viii. 14, 2300 days or years, as has been proved, take "ix. 24, 490" " " " and we ascertain that 1810 years from the death of Christ, his second coming and the first resurrection take place.

d **e** is from the death of Christ to the taking away of the daily sacrifice or pagan worship, a period of 475 years, which we obtain from the numbers given in Dan. xi. 11, 12, represented by **e** **g**, 1290 days, and **e** **h**, 1335. That the 1335 days end at the first resurrection, is evident from Dan. xi. 13, for Daniel was to rest, that is, to die, and stand in his lot at the end of the days, that is, at the resurrection.

It has been ascertained that the line **d** **h**, that is, from the death of Christ to the resurrection, is 1810 years. The careful reader will observe that the lines **d** **h** and **e** **h** end at the resurrection, or at the end of the vision. Now to ascertain when the daily sacrifice was taken away and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, Dan. xi. 11, from **d** **h** = 1810 years, take **e** **h** = 1335 "

We find **d** **e** to be 475 years. To **d** **e** add **e** **d**, Christ's age, 33

and we find that in A. D. 598 the daily sacrifice was taken away. See Dan. viii. 11; xi. 31; Rev. xvii. 16, 17.

In the A. D. 476, the Western empire fell, and before A. D. 490, ten kings had arisen upon its ruins, Dan. vii. 7, and formed ten separate kingdoms; France was the principal. These kingdoms were all governed by Pagan kings; and we are informed by history, that in the city of Rome and other places in the empire, these Pagan conquerors sacrificed men, women, and children to their supposed deities; and that in A. D. 490, Clovis, king of France, was converted and baptized into the Christian faith; and that the remainder of these kings embraced the religion of Christ shortly after, the last of which was christianized A. D. 508; since which Christianity has been the religion of Rome. At this period commences Christian Rome or the ten kings, who have their power one hour with the beast. See Rev. xvii. 12. At this period the abomination that maketh desolate is set up for 1290 days, which, from Christ's quotation, (see Matt. xxiv. 15, and Luke xxi. 20,) we learn to be the Roman armies or civil power of Rome, and when these ten kings give their kingdom or power unto the beast, Rev. xvii. 13-17, then commences the reign of the little horn or papal power, (see Dan. vii. 8-24,) whose age we find to be 1260 days. See Dan. vii. 25; xi. 7; Rev. xi. 2; xiii. 5.

Now from **e** **g** = 1290 days, the time that the abomination that maketh desolate is set up, take **f** **g** = 1260 the reign or age of papal Rome, and we have **e** **f**, the age 30 days, each day a year, of Christian Rome. Add **e** **f** = 508

= 538, the A. D. that the papal

power was established. A. D. 534, Justinian, the Greek emperor, constituted the Bishop of Rome head of all the churches, and 538 conquered Rome and established the pope in his see. We are now brought down to **g**, or end of the civil power of Rome, Dan. viii. 26. A. D. 1798, the pope of Rome lost his civil power. On the fifteenth of February, Berthier, a French general, entered Rome with a French army, deposed the pope, abolished the papal government, and erected the republic of Italy. The pope was taken prisoner, was carried by them a prisoner first to Lucca in Tuscany, from thence to Florence, afterwards to Grenoble, then to Valence, in France, where he died, on the nineteenth of August, 1799; since which time the pope of Rome has exercised no power over any of the kings in Europe, or the Protestant church.

We are now brought to **g**, the commencement of the time of the end, (see Dan. xii. 9,) or taking away of the civil power of the pope.

Now from **e** **h** = 1335 days
take **e** **g** = 1290 "

and we have **g** **h** = 45 years, or time of the end from the taking away of the civil power to the resurrection. As a part of the vision from its commencement to the death of Christ was fulfilled in years, each day a year, it proves that all of it is to be fulfilled in years, therefore I shall use years in recapitulating our reckoning of the vision.

Years.
Line **a** = 299. From the commencement of the vision to the league, Dan. xi. 23.
b = 158. From the league to the birth of Christ.
c = 33. Christ's age.
d = 475. From Christ's death to taking away daily sacrifice.
e = 30. Christian Rome.
f = 1260. Papal Rome.
g = 45. The time of the end.

h = 2300 years, the length of the vision.
Let us now prefix the date to the several letters.

a = 457 B. C.
b = 158 " "
c = Christ's birth.
d = 33 A. D. Christ's death.
e = 508 Daily sacrifice taken away.
f = 538 Papal power set up.
g = 1798 Civil power of the pope taken away.
h = 1843 End of the vision, or Second Coming of Christ.

NOTE.—And now, dear reader, do you believe that Christ will appear personally again on this earth, to raise his dead saints, change his living to immortality, receive them to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and by his angels gather everything out of his kingdom which offends, and *them* which do iniquity, that the righteous may shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, that he may be glorified in his saints, and admired in all them that believe?

Are you willing to believe that in a few months, these awful and glorious events will take place according to promise and prophecy?

If you are, then lift up your heads and rejoice, for your redemption is nigh. See to it that your lamp is burning, that your faith is active, that your loins are girt with truth, that you are established in the truths of God's word. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it shall speak and not lie.

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